

PMH administrator announces move

Morrow County Health District (MCHD) and Pioneer Memorial Hospital (PMH) administrator Kevin Erich has announced that he will resign from his position in Heppner around Sept. 20.

Erich, who has been CEO in Heppner for the past five and a half years, will remain with Adventist Health Systems (AHS), who have a management contract with MCHD.

Erich said that he will transfer to a hospital in Willits, CA, which is also managed by AHS. Willits is around two and a half to three hours north of San Francisco.

"We have a lot of mixed feelings," said Erich. "We really love this town and the people here. It was a hard decision." "There's a lot of potential for Heppner," he added.

Erich said that the move will allow him to grow professionally.

He said that he will assist in the transition to a new administrator and added that AHS has already begun the interview process for the MCHD and PMH administrator.

Erich's wife, Sharla, was a physical therapist at PMH. The couple has two sons.

HEPPNER



50¢

HHS, HJHS yearbook signing

Heppner High School (HHS) yearbook signing will be held Tuesday, Sept. 2, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the HHS cafeteria. Heppner Junior High yearbook signing will be held Thursday, Sept. 4, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the HHS cafeteria.

Jessica Stefani wins lone scholarship

Jessica Stefani of Ione was selected as the first recipient of the Maryan L. McElligott Memorial Scholarship by the Oregon State Scholarship Commission in June.

A scholarship in the amount of \$500 was awarded to Jessica, a 1995 graduate of Ione High School, for the 1997-1998 school year.

In August Jessica will start her senior year at the University of Oregon in Eugene where she is majoring in English.

The Maryan L. McElligott Memorial Scholarship was established in 1993 following her unsuccessful battle with cancer. Maryan McElligott placed a high value on community and volunteered in the schools, 4-H and throughout the community.

Education was very important to her; she raised eight children—seven have completed their college degrees and the eighth is currently a junior at Regis University in Denver Colorado.

The scholarship was established to provide other students the opportunity to go to college and for youth to carry on those values she cared most about.

L.J. 'Jerry' McElligott, her husband and family spokesperson said, "The family set up the fund with the Oregon State Scholarship Commission in 1994 with the goal of establishing an endowment of \$20,000 and making an annual scholarship award. We reached our goal at the end of 1996 and will now be making an annual scholarship offering." Only the income from the endowment fund will be used to make annual awards, thus leaving the principle intact and creating a perpetual source of scholarships for Ione scholars.

"The Maryan L. McElligott Memorial Scholarship Fund assets are currently managed by the Oregon Community Foundation in Portland. Family and friends continue to make gifts to the endowment," Jerry added.

The Maryan L. McElligott Memorial Scholarship Fund will continue to make an annual scholarship award to graduates of Ione High School who are enrolled or will be enrolled as sophomores or above in a full-time undergraduate course of study at any eligible post-secondary institution, including out-of-state institutions. Successful applicants can reapply for additional assistance. Applications are available in January from the Oregon State Scholarship Commission at Valley Office Park, 1500 Valley River Drive, Suite 100, Eugene, Oregon 97401.

For more information about the Maryan L. McElligott Memorial Scholarship contact L. J. McElligott at 541-422-7567.

Fair and Rodeo tryouts, Sept. 21

The Morrow County Fair Board announces that try-outs for the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Court will be held on Sept. 21, starting at 1 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

All interested girls are asked to contact the fair office, 676-9474, or write to P.O. Box 464, Heppner, Oregon 97836 for an application. Applications must be in the fair office by September 19 at 3 p.m.

For more information contact the fair office.

Palmer guilty of nine counts

Former Boardman city manager Jack Palmer was found guilty of nine criminal counts Monday, August 25, at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner.

The jury deliberated nine and a half hours.

The jury, consisting of eight women and four men, found Palmer guilty of three counts of second-degree theft, one count of third-degree theft and five counts of first-degree official misconduct. They decided that Palmer was not guilty of nine other charges.

The charges stemmed from Palmer's stint as Boardman City administrator from 1993-96.

The jurors unanimously agreed that Palmer was guilty of taking plywood, railroad ties and lumber owned by the city of Boardman, to improve his

property in Boardman. The jury, however, split 11-1 on the charge that Palmer ordered a city employee to use a city backhoe to excavate for an air conditioning unit at Palmer's home. He was found guilty of two other counts associated with using the city's backhoe.

G-T closed Labor Day, Sept. 1

The Gazette-Times will be closed on Monday, Sept. 1 for Labor Day. The deadline for news articles is Friday, Aug. 29 at 5 p.m. Deadline for all advertising and public notices is Tuesday, Sept. 2 at noon.

Mustangs prepare for Friday night's opener



HHS football players prepare for season opener on Friday

By Rick Paullus

It will be a new look for the Heppner Mustang football team for the 1997 season. Gone from the Mustangs are Shrine teamer Brent Gunderson, offensive line and linebacker; Brian Koffler, quarterback and defensive back; Josh Coiner, offensive line and linebacker; Eric Schonbachler, offensive and defensive back; Jim Schlaich, offensive and defensive back; Justin Matteson, offensive line and linebacker; Jeff Watkins, end and defensive back; Chris Jones, defensive end; Phil Tellechea, offensive and defensive line; Lonnie Rill, offensive and defensive line, and others who contributed to a very successful team the last several years.

You would think this year's team would be left with the cupboard bare. But there are some very talented players coming back in junior Derek Gunderson at offensive and defensive back; senior Travis Wilhelm, offensive and defensive back; junior Tim Dickenson, offensive end and defensive back; junior Shane Matheny, quarterback and defensive back; senior Jonas Healy, offensive and defensive line; junior Royal Robinson, defensive line, and senior Tim Sumner at defensive end.

Returning head coach Greg Grant will get his patience tested by a "very young, inexperienced team. We have a lot of athleticism, but not much size," said Grant. "If we can get experience quick enough, we can make up for the lack of size."

Coach Grant says to look for Shane Matheny to lead the offense at quarterback; Gunderson, Wilhelm and sophomores Levi Geer, Clint Bellamy and Michael

Schonbachler at running back. The offensive ends will be a trio of talented juniors in Dickenson, Jared Eckman and Casey Evans.

The line will be led by Healy, Josh Roy, Tim Sumner, Brian Burnside, Caleb McDaniel and Keith Scott. Junior Royal Robinson and sophomore Jake Roy, along with junior Blas Elguezabal, a transfer from Nyssa, round out the rest of the line.

Coach Grant will "look to get the ball into the best athletes' hands and it will be spread around."

The defense will look like the offense as a lot of players will go both ways. The defensive line will be led by Sumner and Keith Scott. The linebackers are Robinson, Geer and Wilhelm, and in the backfield will be Gunderson, Dickenson and Matheny. Sopho-

more Matt Jepsen will see time at both sides of the line and senior Tyson Palmateer will be the punter and see time at fullback and linebacker as soon as an injury heals.

The schedule is a different this year as the Mustangs open with Joseph here at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, and have another non-league game at home on Saturday, Sept. 6 against the Grant Union Prospectors. After a bye, the Mustangs begin Columbia Basin League play at Weston-McEwen.

"It again looks to be a tough league with a very experienced Umatilla leading the way. Weston-McEwen is also experienced and big and Stanfield will be much improved," said coach Grant. But he added, "We can play with all of them, we just need to grow up fast."

September pool hours announced

Willow Creek Waterpark manager Sarah Carlson has announced new September hours for the pool.

Starting Sunday, Sept. 1, there will be an open swim Sundays from 1-3 p.m. and 3:30-5:30 p.m. There will be no evening swim.

The pool will be closed Friday, Sept. 5, to Sunday, Sept. 7, to allow contractors to finish work

HHS bus pickup changes

Heppner High School Principal Ron Anthony has announced that a change in the bus pick-up location for students going to the high school

The bus pick-up for students

at the pool.

Swim lessons given by Sally Walker will be held from Monday, Sept. 8, to Friday, Sept. 19.

Level 2B will be held from 5-5:30 p.m.; level 3 from 5:40-6:10 p.m.; and level 4 from 6:15-6:45 p.m.

Anyone interested in adult swim lessons may sign up at the pool.

going to Heppner High School will be at Heppner Elementary School this year instead of the Heppner Library as in previous years.

WE WILL BE CLOSED LABOR DAY
MONDAY, SEPT. 1
"HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY HOLIDAY!"
MORROW COUNTY GRAIN GROWERS
Lexington 989-8221 1-800-452-7396